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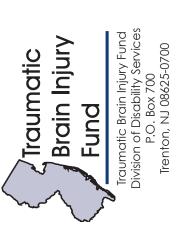
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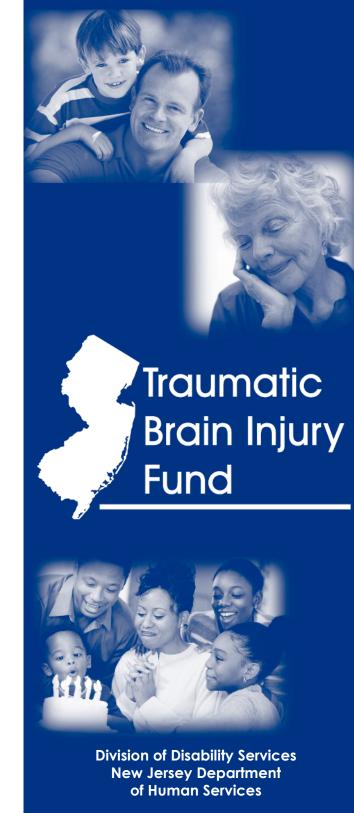
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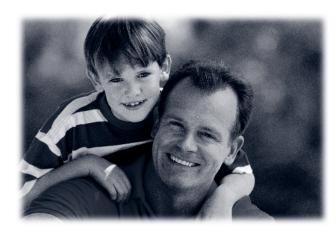






Traumatic Brain Injury Fund

The purpose of the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Fund is to allow New Jersey residents who have survived an acquired brain injury to obtain the services and supports they need to live in the community. The Fund pays for supports and services that foster independence and maximize quality of life. This Fund is used when insurance, personal resources and/or public programs are unavailable to meet the needs of the applicant. A portion of the Fund is also used to support public education, outreach and prevention activities related to brain injury. The Traumatic Brain Injury Fund was created in 2002 and is funded through a motor vehicle registration surcharge.



TBI Fund Limits

The Fund has a cap of \$15,000 per year and \$100,000 lifetime per individual.



The NJ Division of Disability Services

The Division of Disability Services (DDS) of the New Jersey Department of Human Services administers the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund. DDS is the lead state agency for services for brain injury. It is the single point of entry for all individuals seeking disability related information in New Jersey. The division promotes and facilitates the maximum independence and participation of people with disabilities in community life.

Fund Eligibility

New Jersey residents with acquired brain injury, or their families on behalf of an individual with acquired brain injury, can apply, providing the following criteria are met:

- New Jersey residency for at least 90 days
- Medical documentation of acquired brain injury
- Liquid assets of less than \$100,000

Services That May Be Funded Include, But Are Not Limited To:



- Assistive Technology
- Cognitive Therapy
- Home Modifications
- Neuropsychology Services
- Pharmaceuticals
- Service Coordination

Accessing the Fund

Requests to the Fund follow these guidelines:

- All services requested must be directly related to brain injury.
- All clinical services must be prescribed by a doctor.
- Since the Fund is the payor of last resort, all funding sources, of any kind, must be exhausted first.

Applications are reviewed on a regular basis in a batch format. The average turn around time for an award is about six months.

How to Applyfor Assistance

To apply for assistance from the TBI Fund, call 1-888-285-3036. Ask to speak with a staff person about the TBI Fund and about how to obtain an application. An application must be completed to receive TBI Fund Services. If you need assistance or an accommodation in completing the application, a staff member will be happy to assist you.

You can also receive more information by filling out and mailing this card.

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